

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

An application manager and application programming interface (API) for managing an install operation, a downsize
5 operation, a reinstall operation, and an uninstall operation
are disclosed. A method of communicating between the
application manager and an application to perform these
operations comprises the following steps: receiving from the
application a call to set a property related to performing an
10 application installation operation; receiving from the
application a call to initialize an application installation
operation; and receiving from the application a call to
finalize the application installation operation.